

REMARKS

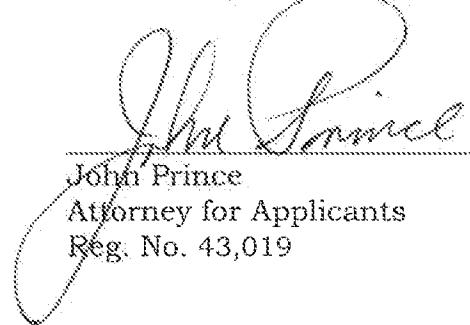
Applicants have amended the as suggested by the Examiner in an Interview on May 21, 2007, the substance of which is summarized in the attachment to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

On the filing date, claims 2-43 were canceled, leaving only claim 1. Subsequently, Applicants' representative responded to a Restriction Requirement on November 28, 2005, to an Office Action on July, 2006 and to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment on March 6, 2007, based upon these claims 2-43. In the Interview on May 21, 2007, Examiner Angell helpfully suggested that the pending claims be reintroduced as new claims. Accordingly, Applicants are submitting new claims 44-67.

Support for the new claims is found in the originally filed application and in the specification thereof. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests early notice to that effect. Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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